

BUTLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Commission Meeting on the Road at Towanda
City Hall, 110 S. 3rd in Towanda

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chairman Dan Woydziak called the Butler County Board of Commissioners to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioner Will Carpenter, Commissioner Jeff Masterson, Commissioner Randy Waldorf, Commissioner Mike Wheeler, Administrator Will Johnson, Jr., and Clerk Ron Roberts.

ITEM #1 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

ITEM #2 – ITEMS OF MUTUAL CONCERN BETWEEN BUTLER COUNTY AND THE CITY OF TOWANDA

John Carson Mayor of Towanda came before the Commissioners to express concerns about the number of trucks at the Driscoll Trucking Terminal recently built on Ohio Rd. with County Commissioner approval. He said there were 78 trucks there recently when counted and most come and leave at least once a day. Several come into town to use Hunter Rd. to get to Highway 254. He was very concerned about the dangers and wear and tear on the roads from this high volume of truck traffic.

The Commissioners responded they had many of the same concerns and had tried to work with the owner to minimize the problems as much as possible. They said it was a land use issue and they could only decide if the property was suitable for the use requested by the applicant. They also said the company was new to our area and brought several good paying jobs.

Bill Mills, City Council Member, also expressed concerns about the dangers of so many trucks using Hunter Road and the dangers of the Hunter Rd. and Highway 254 intersection.

Paul Erickson, City Administrator, asked when the County would start mowing the roads this year, especially Hunter.

Commissioner Woydziak stated the road mowing crews had just started and that they were looking at reducing the number of mowings by one this year to help offset the rising fuel cost.

John Carson inquired about the status of the wholesale water district and wondered if it could help reduce water costs for Towanda.

Commissioner Carpenter noted that the wholesale water district is on hold at this time. He stated it was being considered to provide a stable water supply for the county into the future, and water costs would be higher than current costs because of the infrastructure that would have to be built.

Mayor Carson informed the Commissioners that small town City Halls are being burglarized, and both the Benton City Hall and the Towanda City Hall had been broken into recently. In both cases, cash was taken and quite a bit of damage was done.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wheeler said the Rosalia clean up was going well.

Commissioner Woydziak said he attended the WAMPO meeting regarding Butler Road and that 2010 would be the earliest that any funding help would be available. He also said an environmental study would be required.

Administrator Johnson informed the Board of a raid at the Retreat by the Sheriff. He further informed the Board that County Counselor Norman Manley had sent us some suggested revisions to our adult entertainment resolution.

Commissioner Masterson had to leave the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Administrator Johnson informed the Board of a recent AG opinion stating that statute 19-3610 limits fire districts to 5 mills without a vote was still in effect, and not superseded by the statute removing levy limits on other funds.

Administrator Johnson stated that County Counselor Manley did not think any of our current resolutions covered illegal dumping and that we should adopt one of some type.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Carpenter motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Board at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.